South 27th Street Update



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Project Overview

Phase 2 of the South 27th Street reconstruction project is well underway. The majority of the pavement has been removed from the east side of the roadway and is being recycled and used as base for the new roadway. Some of the new concrete pavement has already been poured in the Morgan Avenue and Howard Avenue intersections.

The east half of the South 27th Street Bridge over Kinnickinnic River Parkway has been demolished and re-decking has started.

Directional signage has been placed along the construction corridor to assist customers with access to businesses. Some businesses have provided additional signage to encourage patronage.

Utility work is in full swing. During the planning stages of the construction project the utility companies, both public and private, evaluated the condition and useful life of their facilities, and made a determination whether the need existed to repair or replace them.

Private communication companies such as Midwest Fiber Network, Time Warner Cable and AT&T are taking advantage of the opportunity to install and upgrade their facilities.

We Energies Gas is replacing gas mains which no longer conformed to industry and State of Wisconsin standards.

Department of Public Works' Underground Conduit Section is replacing their existing duct package between Howard Avenue and Oklahoma Avenue.

DPW's Environmental Section is replacing all of the drainage structures, including storm sewers and catch basins, which are the first line of defense in treating rain water and storm water runoffs. This is a time-consuming and lengthy process due to the many catch basins in the area. Also during this project, 17,000 feet of sanitary and storm sewers are being relined, adding 50 years of useful life to this infrastructure.

Another very important aspect of the project is the street lighting and conduit system that is being replaced along the corridor. The City of Milwaukee, the American Automotive Association (AAA) of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation held a series of safety audits along South 27th Street that resulted in a list of recommended safety improvements that are being implemented as part of the project. Six signalized intersections are located within this project. All of them have been updated to make them more efficient, cost effective and most importantly – safe.

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Weekly Construction Meetings Weekly construction meetings are held every Monday at 9:00 a.m. at the DPW Field Office, located at 3865 S. 27th Street. Businesses are invited to attend and share any concerns they may have about the project. Business concerns will be addressed before the official start of the meeting.



The removal of asphalt from the east side of the project is almost complete.



Directional signage has been placed along the corridor to assist with finding access to buildings.

Some businesses have placed their own signage to attract business on South 27th Street.





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